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Dear Mary,

With a few minutes before bedtime, let me bring you up to date on several things.

The government, after failing to respond to my suit, asked for a delay when we filed for a summary judgement. Bud has not sent me their argument or his and did not discuss his before making it. I'd have like a pre-trial record of a few things, like why did they need a delay when they were on notice for many months and when they have already, if falsely, alleged they do not have what I seek. Bud's estimate, when he heard they'd ask this, for he knew they would, having declined when they asked him, was that the judge would give them until about the fifth. Of course, it would have been nice to invoke the law, which gives this kind of suit top priority, to make a record of their violation of at least its spirit, and to have noted their regular refusal to respond when I write, on a few exceptional cases only responding with the most transparent lies. This sort of thing, when they provide the opportunity in advance, I'd kind of think would be helpful for the judge to know. Right now I have just written Mitchell a letter reminding me he has not responded to my appeal from the decision of his deputy, which puts him in a position to argue in court that I haven't exhausted my administrative remedies. This is on the case I'll handle for myself. If he gets up in court and argues I haven't done it, I'll have the record of default to show. It will take really corrupt judge to rule a criminal can benefit from his crime. EW is in open violation of the law in not responding. After they crapped around a bit, I filed the requisite papers and fee in December. Anyway, if I've had no response in two weeks I'll proceed with the suit.

There are indications of some internecine nastiness on the horizon. I doubt if they'll reach you in advance, but if they do, I'll appreciate being informed. I expect them to be aimed at me.

I've been able to move the knowledge in PM III forward a bit, but the specifics will have to wait until we are again face-to-face or I have completed it, including the writing. I think several of the new things are quite significant. Try as I have, I can find no innocent explanations.

Whether I'll be able to file it or not is a question, but I've finished the draft of a counter-action against Skolnick. His terrible thing poses great mischief in our faces. And if you'd like to borrow indexes of WWII and O in NO to copy for yourself, I can lend you a set.

Hope you are all well.

Best regards,